



# Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin



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## Join A Class In The Sherr Institute

Plan now to join a class in the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies. Beginning in January, two courses of special interest to parents of children in the Religious School and three courses of general interest will begin.

The first session of the Bar- and Bat- Mitzvah Parents' Primer is Monday, January 4, from 8-9 p.m. Designed for the parents of children who will become bar- and bat-mitzvah during this year and next, this course answers questions about what takes place in the synagogue service and why.

The first of three seminar meetings, *Teens and Crisis*, which discusses issues relevant to teenagers and their parents, is Wednesday, January 6, from 8-9:30 p.m.

*The Sacred and Profane*, a course taught by Dr. Neil Gillman, begins on Wednesday, January 6, from 8-9:30 p.m. This course will study Jewish religion from a new perspective, that is Judaism from the point of view of social science.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln begins his course on *The Talmudic Laws of Marriage* on Thursday, January 14, from 8-9 p.m.

In honor of Jewish Music Month, Cantor David Lefkowitz will present a lecture on some of the most important Jewish music heard in the synagogue today on Tuesday evening, January 26, from 8-9:30 p.m.

Make the time NOW and join a class of interest to you in the Sherr Institute this January. Beginning in February, classes in Hebrew language, given in the day and in the evening; Torah; philosophy; ethics; parenting begin. Review the Sherr Institute brochure and set aside an hour or so a week to study. You'll enjoy it!

## Services SATURDAY afternoons during December

begin at 4:15 p.m.

with

MINHAH

followed by Torah study and

MAARIV-HAVDALAH

## Liturgical Music Service Features Music of the German Synagogue

On Friday evening, December 18 — Shabbat Hanukkah — beginning at 8 p.m., the sounds of synagogue liturgical music familiar to many generations of Jewish worshippers in Germany will be heard once again in our sanctuary.

This music will be featured in the annual Friday Eve Liturgical Music Service, which takes place on the fourth night of Hanukkah and marks the 44th anniversary of the inception of this service. Zella and Jack Butler are sponsoring the service in memory of their parents.

Highlighted will be music by Louis Lewandowski, who lived in Berlin; Eduard Birnbaum, who lived in Koenigsberg; and Emanuel Kirschner, who lived in Munich. These late 19th and early 20th century composers created music for their congregations typical of the synagogues which flourished throughout Western Europe at that time. It should be noted that it was from this very tradition that the founders of Park Avenue Synagogue modeled their new congregation.

The theme of this 44th annual Friday Eve Service is a departure from the usual practice of presenting the music of contemporary composers at this service, which complements the annual Shabbat morning Liturgical Music Service dedicated to the presentation of classical synagogue music.

However, there exists a treasure trove of music written for the liturgy of the Friday night service. Music from this musical tradition which developed in Germany is still sung today in Park Avenue Synagogue during the High Holy Days and the three Festivals.

The Congregation, its families and friends, are cordially invited to join Cantor David Lefkowitz, the Synagogue Concert Choir under the direction of Abraham Kaplan, with Neil Robinson at the organ, on December 18, beginning at 8 p.m., for this unusual liturgical music experience. A festive Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

## Dr. Nahum Sarna Shabbaton Scholar-In-Residence

Dr. Nahum Sarna will be the Scholar-In-Residence at the Shabbaton, which will take place at Park Avenue Synagogue on the weekend of January 8-9, 1988. He will deliver the Dorothy Tager Lectures on the historical background of the Egyptian bondage and the meaning in Biblical literature of this central episode in Jewish history. These lectures are sponsored by the Dorothy Tager Education Fund, a fund established as a living memorial to Dorothy Tager who was an active participant in the Adult Education Program at Park Avenue Synagogue.

The central theme of this Shabbaton, "Exploring Exodus" derives from the Torah reading of the week, *Shemot*, the first scriptural reading in the Book of Exodus. Dr. Sarna is one of the world's leading Bible scholars and author of the recently published book, *Exploring Exodus*. Currently, he is the Golding Professor of Biblical Studies at Brandeis and serves as the general editor of the Bible Commentary project of the Jewish Publication Society of America and as an editor and translator for its new translation of the Bible.

The Shabbaton is an intense experience in Jewish living within the context of traditional Shabbat observance. It begins on Friday evening with services followed by the traditional Friday

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## American Jewry To Rally During Summit Meeting

Join the Coalition To Free Soviet Jews and our fellow American Jews at a March and Rally in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, December 6. Join hundreds of thousands of Jews, including Ida Nudel, Natan Scharansky and Vladmir Slepak, in a show of strength and solidarity with our Soviet Jewish brethren in supporting their aspirations to emigrate.

Numbers DO count and what better time to press for the freedom of Soviet Jewry than during the summit meeting between President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

The synagogue has rented two buses for the trip to Washington. The buses will leave from in front of the synagogue at 6 a.m. sharp and return after the Rally. To reserve your seat on the bus, please call the School Office — 369-2600 — today.

Make history happen. Be there!

*Attend the Sisterhood Luncheon, Wednesday, December 9, 11 a.m.*



## PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE

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**Freedom's Light**

The Hanukkah lights are not only lit by each of us, but ideally placed in a public spot like a window for all to see. Indeed, we city dwellers may not find that particularly convenient. Therefore we put our lights wherever they will be maximally seen — in a busy room in the house, for example. But the best place is in the window, so that all can see.

The Talmud gives the reason why: To publicize the deliverance of the past. To publicize God's saving power so that it will stand as an inspiration and a guide to those of us who live today.

I hope Mr. Gorbachev will stay in the United States long enough so that he will be able to see our Hanukkah lights. So that he will be impressed by their message, as relevant today as it was generations ago.

There was a small group fighting for its religious identity so many years ago in the Hanukkah story of old, and there is a small group of Jews (relative to the population) in the Soviet Union, still fighting for its identity today. The few against the many, the strong despot pitted against the righteous who, by their numbers and the force of their arms, is really weak but whose spirit is Maccabeanly strong.

And it is fascinating to see just how important public relations continues to be. Putting the Hanukkah lights in the window demonstrates to all a statement of commitment, of concern and of confidence in response to the events of the past.

I remind you that Soviet Jewry will benefit as well from such a statement of confidence and commitment on the part of all concerned Jews on Sunday, December 6. Our marching and demonstrating will be the functional equivalent of lighting Hanukkah lights.

Let us light the lights this year with a particular prayer in our hearts, a prayer that broadcasts an old Jewish message to the Soviet Antiochus of today: Let our people be Jews, let them live as Jews and let them go so that, in freedom, they might yet become fully the Maccabees of today.

—Harlan J. Wechsler

**Schedule of Religious Services**

Friday evening, December 6 .....6:15 p.m.  
Gimel Class Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
followed by Family Dinner

Saturday morning, December 5 .....9:15 a.m.  
Bat Mitzvah of Barbara Gluckman  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gluckman

Friday evening, December 11 .....6:15 p.m.  
Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Saturday morning, December 12 .....9:15 a.m.  
Bat Mitzvah of Aimee Rodewald  
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Russell Rodewald

Friday evening, December 18 .....8:00 p.m.  
Special Liturgical Music Service

Saturday morning, December 19 .....9:15 a.m.

Friday evening, December 25 .....6:15 p.m.

Saturday morning, December 26 .....9:15 a.m.

Rabbis David H. Lincoln and Harlan J. Wechsler will preach and conduct services together with Cantors David Lefkowitz and Mark Kula and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

**Babysitting available for children ages 18 months to 7 years on the Fifth Floor, every Saturday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 12 Noon.**

**Congregational Shabbat Dinner  
Friday, December 11**

Following services which begin at 6:15 p.m., the congregation is invited to a traditional Friday night dinner on December 11.

Coming as it does the week before Hanukkah, *latkes* will be included in the menu.

Make your reservation(s) early. Remember: children under the age of 13 are free. Adults: \$18 per person.

**Food Pantry Receives  
Foundation Grant**

Park Avenue Synagogue thanks its member, Henry Schneider, who, as president of the Albert and Marie Steinert Foundation, has set up a fund in perpetuity to benefit the work of the Food Pantry.

The congregation acknowledges with gratitude the humanitarian goals of the Steinert Foundation and appreciates Mr. Schneider's assistance in enabling the Food Pantry to continue its much needed outreach.

**REMEMBER  
THE  
KOL NIDRE APPEAL**

**Announcing A New Program  
For Our Youngest Members**

Every Saturday morning babysitting is available for children ages 18 months to 7 years on the Fifth Floor from 9:15 a.m. to 12 Noon to allow parents to attend Shabbat Services.

Beginning on Saturday morning, January 9, a new program will be inaugurated during babysitting time to bring more Jewish content into the time spent by our youngest members within the synagogue. A "Nitzanim Service" will be presented for children ages 4 through 6 of between 45 minutes to an hour in length once a month. Children attending "Nitzanim" will then return to the regular babysitting program at the conclusion of this special service.

It is hoped that this program will stimulate an appreciation of and an understanding for the songs and order of the service as well as to encourage a love for synagogue attendance. Parents will be encouraged to remain with their children as active participants in the service.

**GIFT SHOP EXTENDS HOURS  
TO ACCOMMODATE  
HOLIDAY SHOPPERS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 and 13  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 and 11  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mondays THROUGH Thursdays  
11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**REMEMBER THE GIFT SHOP HAS  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR HANUKKAH!**



## Congregation Invited To Pre-Hanukkah Party

In anticipation of the lighting of first Hanukkah candle on Tuesday evening, December 15, the congregation is invited to a pre-Hanukkah party, Sunday, December 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Latkes (potato pancakes), a songfest and 'all the rest' will follow the Parents Association joyous pre-Hanukkah party for the school children, which will take place from 4-6:30 p.m.

Plan now to drop in on Sunday, December 13 for the taste of Hanukkah (latkes) and some lusty, joyful singing of Hanukkah songs in anticipation of the start of our festival of dedication, Hanukkah.

## What Will Your Child Be Doing Next Summer?

Parents Association invites parents to a Summer Experience program Thursday, December 10, from 6-8 p.m.

The Summer Experience presents the opportunity to parents to ask direct questions of Jewish camp and trip representatives and to find out what summer experiences are available which would be suitable for their child(ren).

Come and find out about day camp programs, sleep-away camps, trips within the United States, the plans for the High School's trip to Israel, and much, much more.

Light refreshments will be served.

## Rabbi Lincoln To Speak At PASSingles Service

Park Avenue Synagogue Singles, for Jewish men and women age 30-50, are cordially invited to attend the Liturgical Music Service on Friday evening, December 18, beginning at 8 p.m. and then join the congregation at the festive Oneg Shabbat following the service.

The PASSingles Friday night Service, originally scheduled to take place on December 11, will take place on Friday evening, January 15. Invited to speak that evening will be Rabbi David H. Lincoln who will explore the "Mysterious Origins of Hassidism." PASSingles should also note that a Sunday Brunch is being planned for January 10.

## Retirees Club Meets Weekly

Retired and semi-retired men are invited to join the Retirees Club which meets weekly in the synagogue on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

In friendship, good fellowship and common interest, the men of the Retirees Club meet for a few hours to discuss current events and issues of concern to them.

For more information about the Retirees Club, please call Charles Bennet, 289-8505.

## Roiphe Novel To Be Discussed At Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet next on Monday, December 14 at 8 p.m. in the Rothschild Library.

To be discussed will be the latest novel by Anne Roiphe, *Lovingkindness*. The book is available in our library as well as in bookstores throughout the city. Read it and join in the discussion with members of the Book Discussion Group. All are welcome!

## Learn or Renew Your Ballroom Dancing Skills

The Couples Club invites the synagogue community to participate in a Ballroom Dancing class on Saturday, January 23, 1988, beginning at 8 p.m.

This will be an evening of *fun*, with the opportunity to renew and refresh dancing skills, learn new steps and dances, glide across the floor with your partner in your arms *a la* Astaire and Rogers, having a grand time in the process.

Save this evening now. Invite your friends to join you. There will be an admission charge. Refreshments will be served.

## Hanukkah Party Planned For Project Ezra Members

The Men's Club, assisted by students in our High School, will give a pre-Hanukkah Party for members of Project Ezra on Sunday, December 13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The elderly members of Project Ezra, men and women living on the Lower East Side, come to Park Avenue Synagogue every year to enjoy lunch, singing, gift giving and exchanges of stories and experiences across the generations.

Over the years, the members of Men's Club and the High School students feel that this time together is a precious, treasured moment for all participants.

## The PERFECT Hanukkah Gift!

*Musical Treasures from Park Avenue Synagogue Recorded Live*

— CASSETTE ONE —  
*43rd Annual Friday Evening Music Service*

— CASSETTE TWO —  
*10th Annual Shabbat Morning Classical Liturgical Music Service*

— CASSETTE THREE —  
*40th Annual Evening Music Service*

Available at Sisterhood Gift Shop • \$25

## Shabbaton

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evening Sabbath meal, sponsored by the Shabbat Dinner Committee, after which Dr. Sarna will deliver the first of his two lectures. It continues with services Saturday morning, followed by lunch and the second lecture by Dr. Sarna.

The Shabbaton is open to the members of the synagogue, their families and friends. Reservations are a *must*. Watch for your invitation in the mail and respond *promptly* as space is limited.

## Latke Supper At Club 87 Coffee House

In anticipation of Hanukkah, Club 87 will feature a Latke Supper at its next Coffee House on Wednesday, December 9, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Admission will be \$8 a person.

Club 87 opens the doors of its Coffee House on the second Wednesday of every month. The Coffee House provides a relaxed, low key atmosphere for young Jewish men and women, age 21-31, to meet one another.

If you have young people in your family or know of young people, please tell them about Club 87. It's a nice place!

## Notes From The Library

Visit the Rothschild Library on the second floor to view the special exhibit in honor of Jewish Book Month.

Also available, in addition to the regular collection, are books on and about Hanukkah for all ages.

The Library is open:

Sundays . . . . . 9:30-12 Noon

Mondays, Tuesdays,

and Thursdays . . . 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays . . . . . 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

The Library will be closed for the winter vacation period, December 18 through January 3.

New Books include:

Goldman, *The Rabbi Is A Lady*

Goldreich, *West To Eden*

Orenstein, *I Shall Live!*

Spier, *The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar*  
[REVISED AND EXPANDED EDITION]

Tanakh: *A New Translation of the Holy Scripture*

. . . and for the children . . .

Cohen, *First Fast*

Salop, *The Kiddush Cup Who Hated Wine*  
Server-Bernstein, *Let's Steal The Moon*

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# ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

*Editor's Note:* With this issue of the BULLETIN, we begin a Special Report on the Mazer School of Religious Studies. This report will continue in subsequent issues, bringing information to our readers concerning the Early Childhood Center, the Primary and Elementary School, and the High School.

## An Open Letter To The Congregation

We take this opportunity to offer a belated welcome to the Mazer School of Religious Studies for the school year of 5748.

Our Nursery School is at capacity. We have been able to accommodate all of our members with children of nursery school age as well as attract new families from the community whom we hope will become members of the Park Avenue Synagogue family. Last year's four year olds were successfully placed in excellent public and private schools of their choice. Our director, Mrs. Edith Paul, and her staff anticipate another joyful year.

The Religious School and High School, under the direction of Dr. Livia Straus, are embarking together on a new era. Dr. Straus has implemented many new programs and projects which will add an extra dimension to the superb religious education offered by our school. In addition, several dynamic new teachers have joined our faculty. We welcome them and we look forward to their contribution to our programs.

The School Board invites you to learn more about the three schools which comprise the Mazer School of Religious Studies and welcomes your comments.

(signed) THE SCHOOL BOARD  
Joanne Davis and Alan Levine,  
CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Dorothy Denburg, Eleanor Frommer, Eveyln Gelman, Dr. Jerry Goodman, Lillian Helpert, Fern Hurst, Beverly Jacoby, Dennis Karr, Susan Lerner, Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Jonathan Merrill, Dr. Muriel Morris, Alexander Neuwirth, Willa Rosenberg, Barbara Sassoon, Joan Schreiber, Margot Steinberg, Nancy Treiger, Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler, Vicki Wimpfheimer.

## MORNING MINYAN

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Mondays – Fridays at 7:15 a.m.

*Coffee & Cake served*

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## DAILY MINYAN

5:45 p.m.

## Developing A Positive Self-Image In Hebrew School

It was most instructive and enlightening to listen to the parents of the Elementary School children expressing their opinions on what is important for their youngsters to learn.

Each of us realize that with the very limited time available and the effects of a long day at regular school, to quote our ancient sages: "the Master of the House is urgent, but the workers are sluggish."

Jewish education is indeed *urgent*. We must try in the time allotted to instill in the younger generation a love and respect for Jewish values and traditions as well as a feeling of pride in what Judaism represents.

"Is it possible in an afternoon school or are we spinning our wheels?" asked one parent. Our answer has to be, "Yes, it is possible." If it were not then our future would be bleak indeed, for *most* children will not be attending Yeshivot or religious day schools. In fact, they never have. At a meeting of Reform and Conservative rabbis recently, I asked those 30 or 40 colleagues present how many had attended Jewish day schools. There may have been one or two. Most of us received our enthusiasm for Judaism from the afternoon school, no doubt in many cases buttressed or re-enforced by example and teaching of the home.

To return, however, to the question "what is important?" different parents (and indeed different teachers) will have their own priorities.

Hebrew? Why certainly it is fundamental to our national and religious existence. If we live in the United States I would think that we should speak English. We are a 'People of the Book,' cultured, well-read, intelligent. We must have an acquaintance with our own historic language not to mention the religious reasons including the unity of our people. We should feel at home at least in synagogue prayer in every country we visit. However, I am also aware that many Arabs speak *Ivrit*, as well. This does not make them Jews! Arguments can be advanced for music, art, customs, history, Zionism, law and observances (*mitzvot*) and all would be justified.

No one can deny that the Hebrew School has a monumental task. In a world of indifference we are trying to direct our children to lead their future lives in a caring, humane and loving way, mindful of the *mitzvot* which lead us in this path, aware also of our historic past and national aspirations. Our Principal and her staff will certainly devote themselves to these ideals to the very best of their abilities. With encouragement from parents we will have a high rate of success.

—Rabbi David H. Lincoln

## Our School – A Personal Vision

The descriptive name for Synagogue School has undergone numerous changes from Hebrew School to Supplementary School to Religious School. We consistently shun the term Jewish School when, in fact, our goal is to encourage ties between our students and their Jewish families, their Jewish Ancestors, their Jewish heritage, their Jewish rituals and their Jewish land.

We educate to encourage knowledgeable practice and proud identity as opposed to nurturing Jews in name only. To achieve this goal we draw on a knowledgeable and committed faculty who form a community of teachers, co-learners and friends. We draw on the strengths and moral sensibilities of our families and on the intellect and caring of our students. As we incorporate the language, literature, songs, legends, holidays, values, foods, art and music within the academic framework, we attempt, through family and youth group programming, to integrate this knowledge into living experiences, to make them meaningful to the modern Jew as a vehicle to bind him/her to the past and to enhance family and communal life in the present. While living in an ethnically diverse American society, we survive as an entity by cherishing our culture and traditions, by recognizing the time-tested ethics of our law and lore and by struggling with and questioning, but not ignoring, our past.

—Dr. Livia Straus

## Family Education and The Religious School Student

In the traditional home, religious education and ritual are part of a lifestyle. The relevance of religious practice needs no rationalization, it simply IS. For those of us outside this lifestyle, the struggle to maintain traditions, not necessarily tied to belief, and to create a Jewish atmosphere in our homes, is a very real challenge. How can we convey to our children the fact that we value Judaism, historically, ritually and ethically, while socializing in an assimilated American society, commuting to country homes and overlooking the strictures of time, home and community that traditional Judaism personifies?

These issues form part of a new Family Education curriculum and include: The Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat services led by our children and followed by class dinners; our Mekhina Shabbat Parenting class; our Hay Class Parent/Student seminar series; our adult education classes.

Watch for announcement of the parent/student programs during the Winter and Spring semesters.

. . . more in next issue . . .



# Celebrating Hanukkah

## WHEN?

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days, beginning with the 25th day of the month of Kislev which corresponds to the evening of Tuesday, December 15, and continues until sundown on Wednesday, December 23.

## WHY?

Lights are kindled in the menorah, or Hanukiah, on each of the eight nights to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Jews over the Syrian Greeks in the Second Century, B.C.E. A small cruze of oil was found when the Temple was rededicated which surprisingly lasted for eight days instead of the expected one day. It was then possible for the Jews to purify more oil for the lamp in that period of time. The Rabbis tell us that just as a small amount of oil cast a great deal of light, so did a few Jews stand against the many and the mighty in order to preserve their faith.

## HOW?

A menorah has places for eight lights, in addition to a ninth place for the ninth light called the *shamash*. Generally wax candles are used, although some menorahs are made to be used with olive oil and a wick. Visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop and see the many beautiful menorahs on sale there. Also available in the Gift Shop are the proper candles for use in the menorah.

On the first evening, the first candle is placed on the RIGHT side of the menorah. Then on each succeeding night, a candle is added to the LEFT. The *shamash* is lit first and the following blessings are said.

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Haolam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

*Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has made us holy through His commandments and who has commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah light.*

Then,

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Haolam, she-asah nisim la-avotainu bayamin ha-hem baz-man hazeh.

*Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this time.*

On the first night only, the *Sheheheyanu* is added:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Haolam, sheheheyanu v'kee-y'manu v'heegee-anu lazman hazeh.

*Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.*

Then the *shamash* is used to kindle that evening's lights. The kindling always starts on the LEFT with the candle which has been added for the new day and continues by moving on to the right. On Friday night, the Shabbat candles are lit *after* the Hanukkah lights are lit.

The Menorah is often placed at a window, if practical, to give public recognition to God's deliverance of the Jews. Special attention should be given to the children's involvement in kindling the lights. In many families more than one menorah is lit, the children lighting their own.

## CUSTOMS

Parties — [and everyone should come to the parties at the synagogue: the school and congregational pre-Hanukkah party on Sunday afternoon, December 13; the special festivities planned at the congregational Friday night dinner on December 11; the Friday evening Liturgical Music Service on December 18] — with good food, singing, dancing and lighting of the menorah are a great way to celebrate Hanukkah.

*Latkes* (potato pancakes) are a traditional food, while in Israel, *sufganiyot* (donuts) have become a custom. Both are cooked in oil, one of the major symbols of Hanukkah.

Children enjoy playing *dreidel* (a game with a four-sided top with four letters, one on each side: *nun, gimel, heh, and shin*). The letters on the dreidel are interpreted to mean *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham* — a great miracle happened there."

Here in the United States, Hanukkah has become an occasion to exchange gifts, especially for the children. Take advantage of the selection of gifts available in our Gift Shop, located on the first floor opposite the Appleman Chapel.

## GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will extend its hours to accommodate the congregation and community prior to Hanukkah.

On Sunday, December 6 and 13, the Gift Shop will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

On Friday, December 4 and 11, the Gift Shop will be open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Gift Shop will be open during its usual hours, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays.

## Are You Interested?

The Couples Club is planning a series of small (limited to 20) cocktail parties in members' homes to help congregants get to know one another socially so that they feel comfortable in greeting one another when they come into the synagogue for services and other events.

If you would like to be invited to a cocktail party, please call the Synagogue Office, 369-2600, during business hours and leave your name and telephone number. A member of the Couples Club Executive Committee will be in touch with you.

## Condolences

*Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:*

**Mr. Irv Landau**, upon the death of his father, Milton M. Landau.

**Mr. Norman F. Levy**, upon the death of his wife, Betty.

**Mrs. Juliette Meltzer**, upon the death of her husband, Sam; **Steven Meltzer**, upon the death of his father; **Peter Meltzer**, upon the death of his uncle.

**Mrs. Jean Sherr**, upon the death of her brother, Martin G. Frank.

## Panel Discussion On Jewish Book Collecting

The Friends of the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America are sponsoring a panel discussion on Jewish Book Collecting on Monday, December 14 at 8 p.m. in the Feinberg Auditorium of the Library Building of the Seminary, Broadway at 122nd St.

Ms. Francine Klagsbrun, author, lecturer and member of Park Avenue Synagogue, will serve as moderator of the panel which includes Dr. Samuel H. Dresner of the Seminary, Professor Abraham J. Karp of the University of Rochester and Felix de Marez Oyens, Consultant to Christie's.

The public is invited to participate and to attend the reception following the panel discussion.

For reservations and/or further information, please call the Seminary at 678-8975.

## Ethics Discussed At Women's League Conference

The Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the national umbrella organization of Conservative Sisterhoods, invites all those interested to join its National Conference and Open Board Meeting to be held in Atlanta, GA, December 13-15, 1987.

The conference will explore the topic "What Price Ethics?"

For more information, please call the Women's League office, 628-1600.

## We Take Pride In:

Dr. Harry Applebaum, son of **Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Applebaum**, who headed a 29 member surgical team which was successful in separating Siamese twin girls, the first case of this kind at the Kiaser Permanente Hospital in Los Angeles, CA.

**Andrew Fier**, who was elected president, for a second time, of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America.

**Irving Kapner**, who was the guest of honor at a dinner of the Graphic Arts, Fine Paper and Stationers Division of State of Israel Bonds.

**Judge Irving R. Kaufman**, who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, for "his exemplary service to our country, his work as chairman of the President's Commission on Organized Crime and his multi-faceted efforts to promote an understanding of law and our legal traditions."

**Dr. Paul Ritterband**, who received a degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters, *honoris causa*, from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.



KOL NIDRE APPEAL 5748/1987

(Listing continued from last issue)

The officers and Board of Trustees wish to thank their fellow congregants for their generous response to the Kol Nidre Appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Agisim.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bar.  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Barg.  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bell.  
Mrs. Estelle Berger.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Berman.  
Mrs. Samuel Berman.  
Mrs. Murray Bernstein.  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open 12 Noon Sisterhood Board 1:30 p.m. Retirees Club 3-6 p.m. Library Open 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open 1 p.m. Advanced Hebrew 3:30-6:30 p.m. Library Open 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan 8 p.m. Talmud	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 10:30 a.m. Advanced Intermediate Hebrew 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open 1 p.m. Beginners Hebrew 3-6 p.m. Library Open 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Gift Shop Open 6:15 p.m. Gimel Class Kabbalat Service followed by Family Dinner Congregation invited to service Light Candles 4:09 p.m.	9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service Babysitting available on Fifth Floor Bat Mitzvah Barbara Gluckman 4:15 p.m. Minhah Service followed by Torah study, Maariv and Havdalah
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6 a.m. SHARP Bus leaves for March & Rally in Washington, D.C. (See story page 1) 9 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon Library Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Gift Shop Open 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open 1 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 3-6 p.m. Library Open 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan 8 p.m. Synagogue Hebrew	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open 1:30 p.m. Retirees Club 3-6 p.m. Library Open 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan 8 p.m. Ritual Committee 8:15 p.m. Men's Club Board	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 11 a.m. SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON 1 p.m. Advanced Hebrew 3:30-6:30 p.m. Library Open 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan 7:15 p.m. Club 87 Coffee House & Latke Supper Party 8 p.m. Talmud	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 10:30 a.m. Advanced Intermediate Hebrew 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open 1 p.m. Beginners Hebrew 3-6 p.m. Library Open 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan 6 p.m. SUMMER EXPERIENCE Everything you want to know about summer programs for Jewish children	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Gift Shop Open 6:15 p.m. Friday Evening Service followed by congregational Shabbat Dinner Light Candles 4:09 p.m.	9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service Babysitting available on Fifth Floor Bat Mitzvah Aimee Rodewald 4:15 p.m. Minhah Service followed by Torah study, Maariv and Havdalah
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HANUKKAH: Fifth Day 9 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan LIGHT SIXTH HANUKKAH CANDLE!	HANUKKAH: Sixth Day 7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan LIGHT SEVENTH HANUKKAH CANDLE!	ROSH HODESH TEVET HANUKKAH: Seventh Day 7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 1:30 p.m. Retirees Club 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan LIGHT EIGHTH HANUKKAH CANDLE!	HANUKKAH: Eighth Day 7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan	7:15 a.m. Morning Minyan followed by coffee and cake 6:15 p.m. Friday Evening Service Light Candles 4:13 p.m.	9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service Babysitting available on Fifth Floor 4:15 p.m. Minhah Service followed by Torah study, Maariv and Havdalah
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